'MORAL GUARANTEE' STRONGEST, IS VIEW

Would Have Lost in an Agreement.

'VICTORY FOR BRIAND'

Some Chinese Spokesmen Called Too Western to Speak for East.

GREED IN ORIENT DECRIED

Maritime Customs Defended as Organization Honestly Administered.

By WICKHAM STEED.

(Copyright, 1921, by United News.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The truth that when what is good is not thought good nough it may easily be made worse vindicated in the grand Wednesday.

Not satisfied with the excellent outcome of Monday's plenary sitting some members of the French delegation desired that the grand committee should tual pledges given by Mr. Balfour and Mr. Hughes that in the event of renewed German aggression ould not be morally isolated.

Protracted discussion fortunately lowed the impossibility of drafting a ory resolution. I say cause France would have est, and not gained, had the remark. ble unanimity of the Anglo-American ponse to M. Briand's statement of her case been reduced to the text of a resolution. The inevitable tendency n the future would have been to take terpretation of its precise meaning.

the inveterate French tendency to strive expense of something greater t less well defined, M. Briand can in to Franco well satisfied with results of his visit to Washington.

Some 200 Westernized.

LOOKING IN on the conference

London Editor Sure France Mellowing Influence of Time Seen in the Strange New Financier Will Discuss In-Intimacies of Men Thrown Together by the Conference-Taft and Bryan in Amiable Chat.

ish in a school that trains young

tion, and M. Camerlynck are great friends. They had met, of course, at several previous conferences. Leaving the plenary session after Briand's great

id warriors. Constantly nowadays hey are invited to diplomatic parties where wine and brandy hardly known

where wine and brandy hardly known here even in the dear dead days are pressed upon the stranger within the gates. The other day M. Briand of-fered a toast in brandy put away in 1843. Col. Blank (let us call him) lifted

New York Herald Bureau. | Washington, D. C., Nov. 24. | "Time travels in divers paces with divers persons." So said Shakespeare in "As You Like It." Pictures seen divers persons." So said Shakespeare in "As You Like It." Pictures seen daily upon the changing screen of the conference prove it. Taft and Bryan jesting together among the dinosaurs at the National Museum last night. Present and former Secretaries of State Hughes, Root, Bryan and Lansing musing over the mummy case of a princess of Egypt.

"All flesh is grass. . . The nations are as a drop of the bucket," Bryan says, quoting Isalah. The ancient lady before him lived and loved in a nation and time that did not approve of limitation of armament. What Bryan means is "Look at them now!" The means is "Look at the means is "Look at the means is "Look at the

and time that did not all the property and the politician that once raged up and down the land, more and more the evangelist. He broods over the conference from a private pulpit, larding forence from a private pulpit, larding forence from a private pulpit.

ted morning coat, black trousers strip-ed with pinlines of gray, spats the coi-or of a modest mouse. His complexion is what might be expected of a French-man in good health and with access to a superior cellar. His eyes are Few men out of holy orders know the Bible better, though at times he nods, in common with all great men. At breakfast one day in the St. Francis At breakfast one day in the St. Franciss Hotel at San Francisco with the Democratic boss of California, Gavin McNab, Bryan hurled Into the talk a quotation from the New Testament: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or tinkling cymbals." "Excuse me, 'or a tinkling cymbal." said McNab. Finding a Bible after some dispute and several hours' search (it was pute and several hours' search (it was the Democratic National Convention)

Until December 5 Congress is tucked away among mothballs. A late hour disposition among Representatives to in-struct the conference and lecture Great Britain and Japan makes rocess very agreeable to Mr. Harding, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Baifour, et al., their motto being, "Patience and shuffle the cards," The Senate, counselled by Lodge and Underwood, continues amiable and unobtru-sive, with Borah a watchful figure at the window looking toward Memorial Conti-nental Hall. Borah is the watchdog of

This downright person used to practice law in Idaho, and had some experience with limitation of armament in hot and violent days. He likes to tell this story: "There was a case between sheep men and cattle men—a mean case—bad blood on both sides. When we came to the town where the case was to be tried we found the sheep men there packing artillery and the cattle men, sagging with hardware, glaring at them. believes in standing by it solidly. You are reminded of Emerson's notion that Englishmen, of all men, stand firmest in their shoes. Both wanted justice to get a fair break. So did we. Therefore we took the guna away from both sides and tried the case in a calmer atmosphere."

That diplomatic immunity which safe-guards the embassies, legations and other conference meeting places is a constant joy to some neat, elderly gen-tlemen in Washington. They are such as were to be found commonly at the Army and Navy Club sipping with the artistic restraint of the true connoiseur the excellent liquors of that retreat for old warriors. Constantly nowadays Speaking of disarmament, the one time revered painting of William Hohen-zollezu no longer hangs in the German Embassy. John the Junkman has made off with it. The newly opened house at Massachusetts avenue and Fifteenth street, musty after five years of disuse, is being redecorated under the eye of Baron Edmund von Thermann, attache, who has come as the advance guard of the Ambassador to be. The imperial plendor that marked the house and furnishings in Von Bernstorff's day has shings in Von Bernstorff's day has sappeared. Two clerks, a butler, a bok and a handy mun constitute the en-

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terallied Obligations Before Economic Club.

MANY LEADERS

he says sadly. "The proof of it is that Ludendorff has no real influence in Gernany. We are trying to produce and sell. Our new Ambasador here wilk be a business man, not a politician. We have got to get the mark back to something like its old value. I think that this can be done in half a dozen years the way Germans are now working." Says America Should Be Thankful for Its Comparative Security.

E. J. BERWIND ALSO HOME

Coal Operator Says Cost of Production Must Be Cut Here as Abroad.

Although the White Star liner Adriatic, from Southampton and Cheryesterday she did not dock until the a superior cellar. His eyes are so behind gold rimmed pincenes; mose is large and high bridged and mustache is a thing of art and auty, curled like the locks of Hydron. At home he lectures at the chonne on the phonetics of English, and and German, and teaches English, the choice of the chonne of the choice of had to creep carefully through fog obscuring the bay and river. Many of her 647 passengers, 290 of whom were Britain's anger by frankly standing out in the first cabin, were able to eat their Thanksgiving dinners in New York, as the customs officers worked speedily, perhaps thinking of their policy directed against Britain, and the own holiday feast, and had the pier practically clear before 8 o'clock.

dent of the National City Bank, who has been in Europe five months, returned with his wife, unwilling to give thorough vent to his impressions of the control of the contro friends. They had met, of course, at friends. They had met, of course, at several previous conferences. Leaving turned with his wife, unwilling to give the other day. Camerlynek approached Balfour, saying: "Monsieur, undoubtedly I shall meet you in heaven!" Balfour, regarding the Frenchman solemnly repiled: "Monsieur, I see you are truly an optimist" Monday at the Hotel Astor. He said many phases of the economic troubles in the distressed countries would be taken up at the meeting, and that he would the world do without tea it is impossible to believe that the British delegates could get on with the made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations. He made what he called a "Thanks- Germany if she falls in her obligations of calculation as to the existing relative navial question that the converse. He sayed the wi

giving Day declaration," in which he said what we should be thankful for our comparative security. American business iepression was merely temporary and there was sunshine immediately ahead; the troubles of Europe were much

Doubtful on Self-Determination.

Mr. Vanderlip, according to fellow oyagers, visited the leaders, crowned and otherwise, of nearly all the countries of Europe. He had contemplated having a talk with Hugo Stinnes in Berlin, but an automobile accident in which the German wizard of finance was hurt interefered with the plan. Mr. Vander-lin, was the chief tellow at a meeting.

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Volunteer Enlistments Approved by Millerand

PARIS, Nov. 24 (Associated Press).—President Millerand to-day approved for submis-sion to Parliament a military re-cruiting bill authorizing two year enlistments and lightening preser

apparent substitution i part of volunteer for obligatory service contemplated in the above mentioned bill evidently was wha Premier Briand alluded to in his address before the Washington conference on Tuesday when he said the French Government contemplated further steps regarding the strength of its army.

SARCASM IS SEEN IN BALFOUR'S SPEECH

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offering to support American ideas by giving up her spheres of influence in short time China provided others would do the

island, has intense fear of the submarine and is therefore using every effort in her power to restrict its use. France, on the other hand, has no money to build capital ships. She pins her de-fence on the submarine and has drawn

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The important development development of the Secretary of State and glad to deal with him in like spirit.

Japanese Sec Mr. Hughes.

SUFFOCATING OF 64 STIRS INDIA NATIVES Deaths Provide Propaganda for Nationalist Press.

despatch to the Times says the affair has created a profound sensation among the natives and has supplied the nationalist press with material for effective propa-

JAPAN'S NAVY RATIO EXPERTS BUSY WITH IS 70 P. C., SHE SAYS FINANCES OF CHINA

Fix and Supply a Loan

Presents Difficulties.

By GEORGES LE CHARTIER.

actual Chinese customs system was be

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ure will depend on the manner in which it is applied. It has never, until yester

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Delegates Call on Hughes and Subcommittee Takes the First Step by Examining the Offer to Prove Figures on Customs System. Present Status.

WANT EARLY AGREEMENT REAL AID IN CONSORTIUM

Nippon Cares More for Rela- Plan for Different Nations to tive Strength Than for Size of Fleets.

Special Correspondent of the Jiji Shimpo, Tokio. Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERAID.

conviction growing among the Japanese delegates that the conference is going to financial mess, is now at work. We are

They think the main busines conference will be finished before Christ- gun. It is generally admitted that by Marquis Curzon not only warns France mas, and that they may be starting for about her attitude in Far Eastern mat- home in the early part of January. They France has taken at Washington on the Washington in the friendlies feeling subject of submarines. Britain, being an toward the American Government and people and nursing no unhappy thought in amount of Chin with regard to England or China.

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The Japanese delegates have been deeply impressed with the systematic, businesslike and withal straightforward.

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The important developments which

forced by the Chinese Government alone and free from any foregn control. It generally appeared that China has amply proved herself wholly and utterly incapable of organizing her own finances. It has been assumed that should China become free of her present control her annual custom income would fall from \$70,000,000 actually collected to \$12,600,000, or less, where it stood before it was nover and handled by the present organization. Moreover, China is now in a status of financial failure as she has not paid the interest of her debt in a status of financial failure as she has not paid the interest of her debt to the United States. As any other bankrupt, she must legally have a syndicate or board of administrators assigned to handle the interest of the creditors as hers.

That seems to be the opinion of all those who have been in China and know something of the status and ability of the Chinese at home.

Britain will actually go so far as to help Germany against France in any way except by propaganda should the latter demand what Britain, after all, permitted her to expect under the treaty of Versailles.

nquiries have revealed that the

entirely accurate. Baring his judgment upon that estimate, Mr. Hughes seems to think that Japan's present naval strength is between \$\tilde{\theta}\$ and \$\tilde{\theta}\$ against America's \$160. Consequently his conclusion is that allotment of \$100 to America and \$\tilde{\theta}\$ to Japan for the coming ten years, namely a ratio of \$\tilde{\theta}\$ to 3, does not disturb the status quo of the relative strength of the two navies.

The Japanese experts contend that the estimate on which Mr. Hughes's conclusion is founded is erroneous. To support this contention, it is understood, they have submitted to Mr. Hughes and the American experts a brief but clear rights.

The Chinese delegation, or more actly, Mr. Wellington Koo, does

seem to realize, or even to imagine that, were his demands to be accorded, and they have submitted to Mr. Hughes and the American experts a brief but clear statement, which they are ready to back up with the further information and explanation. The substance of this statement is carefully guarded from cutsiders, but its conclusion is said to be that Japan's existing naval strength is 7 as against America's 10 and England's 14.

Both American and Japanese experts agree, it is said, that if the Japanese navy is reduced as proposed by Mr. Hughes to 6 as against America's 10 Japan is exposed to an attack from the American Navy. In other words, James and the substance of her words against the substance of the tariff limitation having been warried for the tariff limitation having been warried for cent. On import; not even the actual 5 per cent. But, as previous experiences of the tariff limitation having been warried for the tariff limitation having been warried to the tariff limitation having be Janes of the tariff limitation

Hughes to 6 as against America's 10
Japan is exposed to an attack from the American Navy. In other words, Japan self-defence and security require a navy of a rato slightly more favorable than 6 to 19.

Ratio, Not Size, Demanded.

Japan will be satisfied if the existing ratio of 7 to 10 is maintained, for that is the proportion which the Japanese experts think not only fair but necessary to defend their country against an attack. Under that ratio the Japanese of the Pacific for an aggressive purpose. While the American navy may, under the same ratio, find it possible to go to Far Eastern waters for a similar purpose, Japan will be able to cope with the attack. Thus the ratio of 7 to 10 will insure peace and security to both countries.

Japan, it is understood, will be willing to go much further than the Hughes plan in reducing the navy if only the existing ratio of 7 to 10 can be maintained. Her sole purpose in insisting upon that ratio is the defence and security of her territory.

The Japanese delegates rely upon Mr. Hughes's firm stand of fairness and jus-

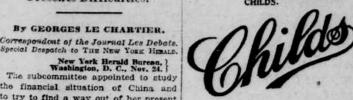
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